

IMI acquires US facilities

Philippines-based Integrated Microelectronics Inc has acquired the EMS and ODM assets of US Saturn Electronics & Engineering Inc, and its subsidiary, Saturn Electronics Philippines Inc.

This allows IMI to take full advantage of Saturn facilities in Tustin, California, which include a technology and design centre, prototyping and manufacturing facilities.

Other capabilities are for surface mount technology (SMT) which includes chip-on-flex

assembly, and flip-chip on flex assembly, and a programme management centre.

IMI also acquires the high-volume SMT assembly facilities in Cebu, Philippines.

Arthur Tan, IMI president and CEO said: "This acquisition enhances our capabilities in the areas of product design and development, manufacturing process development, and flip chip assembly, enabling us to provide competitively superior complete solutions to our customers."

Kopin's record CyberDisplay revenue and strong HBT

Kopin's revenue for the 4Q 2004 of \$18.5m, is in line with earlier guidance. This compares with revenue of \$21.1m in 4Q 2003 and \$22.9m in 3Q 2004 and gives a net loss of \$7m or 10c/ share in the 4Q 2004 compared with a net loss of 1c/ share for 4Q 2003. Kopin had a \$5.3m non-cash impairment charge resulting from the transfer of its LED operations to a newly formed joint venture in Asia.

CyberDisplay revenue for 4Q totalled \$9.9m, down from

\$12.4m a year-ago and \$13.2m in 3Q 2004. Revenue from III-V products in the 4Q was \$8.6m, compared with \$8.8m in the 4Q of 2003 and \$9.7m in the 3Q of 2004.

"We finished 2004 with the second highest revenue total in our company's history," said president/CEO John Fan. "2004 was a year of record Cyber Display revenue and continued strong performance from our HBT transistor product line."

Parlez vous RFMD?

RF Micro Devices Inc has opened a customer support and design centre in Toulouse, France. The office was established to support collaboration between RFMD and wireless manufacturers in Toulouse and other parts of Europe. The office will focus on development of next-generation EDGE and W-CDMA cellular products, including RFMD's Polaris 2 Total Radio transceiver and module solutions.

Eric Creviston, corporate VP of wireless products, said, "Our

new office was instrumental in the launch of our Polaris 2 Total Radio product portfolio and will also support other next generation cellular solutions."

Nadim Khlat, staff system engineer, added, "The Toulouse customer support and design center is staffed by a team of talented applications engineers, system engineers and technicians primarily focused on developing radio solutions for 2.5G and 3G standards and providing direct support to our customers."